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**Subject: Monthly Design Progress Report No. 40 – October 2013
Blackburn & Union Privileges Superfund Site
Walpole, MA**

Dear Mr. Fisher:

This Monthly Progress Report is submitted to United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) in compliance with reporting requirements (Section XI, paragraph 31) of the Consent Decree, Civil Action No. 1:10-cv-11263 for the Blackburn & Union Privileges Superfund Site located in Walpole, Massachusetts. This Report covers the period from October 1 - 31, 2013, and is submitted on behalf of the Settling Defendants to the Consent Decree.

Please contact one of the designated Project Coordinators (Kathryn Zeigler 314.281.5947 or Paul Bucens 617.498.2667) should you have any questions concerning this Report.

Sincerely,

Eric E. Hultstrom
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Attachment

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**MONTHLY DESIGN PROGRESS REPORT No. 40
BLACKBURN & UNION PRIVILEGES SUPERFUND SITE
For October 2013**

Report Date: November 10, 2013

This Monthly Progress Report is submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) documenting the activities completed during the month of October 2013 at the Blackburn & Union Privileges Superfund Site.

1. Activities that have been taken toward achieving compliance with the Consent Decree (including work plans, plans and other deliverables completed and submitted to USEPA/MassDEP):

- a. Continued preparation of the 100% Remedial Design for the sediment and floodplain soil component of the remedy.
- b. Completed the annual surface water and groundwater monitoring event at the Site.
- c. On October 23 and 24, 2013, conducted inspection and sampling of the aluminum plate arch culvert within the Area of Containment.

2. Summary of results of sampling, tests and all other data received or generated:

- a. None this reporting period.

3. Activities planned for the next month and schedule update:

- a. Complete and submit to EPA the 100% Remedial Design for the sediment and floodplain soil component of the remedy.
- b. Management of investigation derived waste from the pre-design study activities will continue during November 2013.
- c. Continue preparation of a letter report to document the findings from the September 2013 post-restoration monitoring and inspection of Lot 33-257.
- d. Continue preparation of the 2013 annual surface water and groundwater monitoring report.
- e. Weather and flow conditions permitting, conduct additional inspection and sampling of the culvert.

4. Delays encountered or anticipated that may affect the future schedule for implementation of the work and associated mitigation efforts:

- a. In June, at the request of EPA, work on the 100% Remedial Design relative to the groundwater remedy component was suspended pending further discussion with local residents and other stakeholders. The Settling Defendants continue to review considerations related to siting the groundwater treatment system building associated with the surface water remedy and to work with EPA and the Town to schedule follow-up meetings with the local residents and other stakeholders.

5. Work plan or schedule modifications proposed to USEPA or approved by USEPA:

- a. None this reporting period.

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6. Activities undertaken in support of the Community Relations Plan during the previous month and planned for the following month:

- a. The Settling Defendants will continue to support USEPA in its communications with the local residents and other stakeholders relative to remedy design considerations.
- b. The Settling Defendants will update the document repository at the Town of Walpole Library with reports approved by USEPA since the commencement of Remedial Design activities.